

2024 AMERICAN ENTERPRISE SUMMIT

WASHINGTON, D.C. | JULY 8-11, 2024



OVERVIEW

In partnership with the Close Up Foundation, the [Horatio Alger Association's American Enterprise Summit](#) for Middle School Scholars is an opportunity for rising eighth-grade students. This is a fully funded program in which students and teachers travel to Washington, gather with their peers from across the country, and discover and engage with successful leaders who attained their American Dream by overcoming adversity. Teachers can nominate ten students from their school to participate in the program.

Throughout the program, students will:

- Gain awareness of the opportunities available through civic and community engagement, entrepreneurship, and the free-enterprise system.
- Highlight the importance of the pursuit of the American Dream.
- Participate in study visits in the nation's capital, including memorials, museums, and Capitol Hill.
- Engage in a deliberation workshop focused on issues currently in Congress.
- Prepare themselves as future leaders who meet the challenges of the 21st-century workforce.

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

- Airline tickets and tuition costs (covered by the Horatio Alger Association and booked by Close Up)
- Coach bus transportation to and from all activities in Washington, including airport transfers
- Daily meals and quality hotel accommodations (two students per room)
- Academic program materials, including a student guidebook
- 24/7 supervision, including instructional staff and night monitors
- Medical access to Georgetown University Pediatric Hospital

REQUIREMENTS

- Teachers will nominate ten students from their school to participate and apply for the program
- Each school will send ten students and one chaperone, who must be able to travel to Washington together
- Students must be rising eighth-graders and complete the program application form
- Students, parents, and teachers must attend a pre-program meeting

IMPORTANT DATES

List of Nominated Students Due: April 19, 2024

Student Application Deadline: May 10, 2024

Washington Program Dates: July 8-11, 2024

ABOUT CLOSE UP

Close Up is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, civic education organization that informs, inspires, and empowers young people to become active citizens. Since 1971, we have partnered with school districts nationwide to serve more than one million students and educators through experiential learning programs in our nation's capital and in local communities, professional development, and curriculum design and consulting. Our goal is to connect what students learn in class to the real world around them, help them articulate their own views and listen to those of others, and engage with people of different backgrounds with tolerance and understanding.

ABOUT HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., is dedicated to the simple but powerful belief that hard work, honesty, and determination can conquer all obstacles. In 2009, the affiliated Horatio Alger Association of Canada was established. Both associations honor the achievements of outstanding leaders who have accomplished remarkable successes despite adversity by bestowing upon them the Horatio Alger Award and inducting them as lifetime members. Horatio Alger members support promising young people with the resources and confidence needed to overcome adversity in pursuit of their dreams through higher education. For more information, visit www.horatioalger.org.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE CIVIC SUMMIT – STUDENT SCHEDULE



Arrivals & Program Registration Throughout the Day

Guided Visits for Early Arrivals:

- National Air and Space Museum
- National Archives

Dinner and Program Orientation

Welcome and Keynote:

Understanding the Work of the Horatio Alger Association

Opening Workshop: What is civic leadership? How can I be a civic leader?

Room Check



Breakfast

Goal Setting and Envisioning Workshop:

What are my goals as a civic leader in my school and community? What skills do I need to build?

Jefferson Memorial Study Visit:

What does the value of liberty mean to me? What does it look like?

Lunch and Guided Study Visit at the National Museum of American History:

Why is American democracy a “great leap of faith?”

Seminar or Panel: What is a Free-Enterprise System and How Does it Promote Liberty and Equality?

Franklin Roosevelt Memorial: What does the value of equality mean to me? What does it look like?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial: What does the value of justice mean to me? What does it look like?

Dinner and Evening Social Activity

Room Check



Breakfast

Issues in Congress Deliberation Workshop:

Participate in a facilitated deliberation about an economic issue in Congress such as the Raise the Wage Act or the Guaranteed Income Pilot Act

Capitol Hill Study Visit

- Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum
- Witness the House of Representatives and Senate in action in the Galleries

Lunch on Capitol Hill

Seminar: What is the responsibility of success?

War Memorials Study Visit:

- World War II Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit:

Reflecting on Leadership & Vision

Dinner, Closing Ceremony, and Celebration

Room Check



Breakfast

Workshop – Reflecting and Looking Ahead:

How have I grown as a leader? What will I take home to my community?

Departures Begin

Lunch & Guided Visits for Late Departures

- National Museum of Natural History
- National Museum of American History
- National Archives

TEACHER PROGRAM

Educators with students on the program will have an opportunity to observe the student program and participate in professional development. Sessions facilitated by the Horatio Alger Association will include its curriculum on leadership and the free-enterprise system. Close Up training components will focus on providing the tools and resources to facilitate current issues in the classroom. Programming will cover two half-days of program to allow for observation of the student program.

Sample schedule subject to change.

CST-1002082-40 Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.